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SUBJECT: GOJ REACTION TO TRADE ACT OF 1974

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1. ALTHOUGH BOTH DAILY GLEANER AND DAILY NEWS HAVE CARRIED UNFAVORABLE ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS ON US TRADE ACT, FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE RECEIVED JANUARY 21 FROM MEA IS FIRST OFFICIAL GOJ REACTION TO DATE. (PRESS RELEASE DOES NOT APPEAR IN EITHER OF JANUARY 22 NEWSPAPERS).

BEGIN TEXT:

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HEMISPHERE ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES OF RECENT TRADE LEGISLATION, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

JAMAICA HAS REITERATED ITS STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY TO EXCLUDE
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ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY FROM THE BENEFITS OF ITS PARTICULAR

TRADE PREFERENCE SCHEME ON GROUNDS THAT HAVE NO RELEVANCE TO THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. TRADE PREFERENCES SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF REPRISAL, POLITICALLY OR OTHERWISE, BY ANY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY AGAINST ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY BUT SHOULD BE APPLIED PURELY AND SOLELY AS A BASIS FOR AIDING INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

JAMAICA ALSO SUPPORTS THE VIEW THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DEALT WITH AND SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS SOUGHT WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AT WHATEVER LEVEL MAY BE NECESSARY. END TEXT.

2. MEA PERMSEC GORDON WELLS TOLD DCM PRESS RELEASE HAD BEEN SOLICITED BY MEXICANS, VENEZUELAN AND ECUADORIANS. STATEMENT APPEARS RELATIVELY LOW KEY AND MY REFLECT POSITION GOJ WILL TAKE AS MEMBER OF OAS WORKING GROUP THIS SUBJECT (REFTEL).
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